

LAKE BLUFF PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER 2024

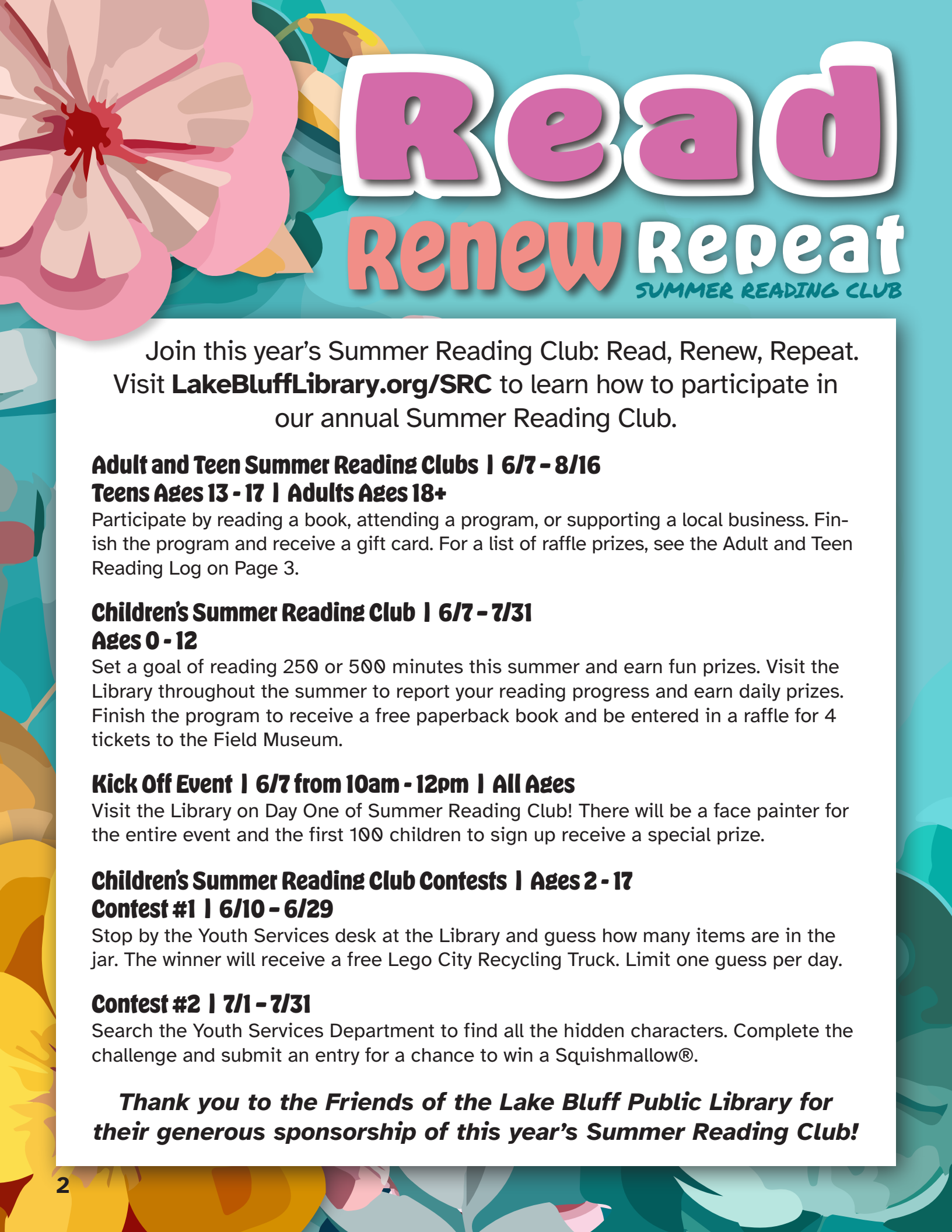
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Read Renew Repeat

SUMMER READING CLUB

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SUMMER READING CLUB

Join this year's Summer Reading Club: Read, Renew, Repeat.
Visit **LakeBluffLibrary.org/SRC** to learn how to participate in
our annual Summer Reading Club.

Adult and Teen Summer Reading Clubs | 6/7 - 8/16

Teens Ages 13 - 17 | Adults Ages 18+

Participate by reading a book, attending a program, or supporting a local business. Finish the program and receive a gift card. For a list of raffle prizes, see the Adult and Teen Reading Log on Page 3.

Children's Summer Reading Club | 6/7 - 7/31

Ages 0 - 12

Set a goal of reading 250 or 500 minutes this summer and earn fun prizes. Visit the Library throughout the summer to report your reading progress and earn daily prizes. Finish the program to receive a free paperback book and be entered in a raffle for 4 tickets to the Field Museum.

Kick Off Event | 6/7 from 10am - 12pm | All Ages

Visit the Library on Day One of Summer Reading Club! There will be a face painter for the entire event and the first 100 children to sign up receive a special prize.

Children's Summer Reading Club Contests | Ages 2 - 17

Contest #1 | 6/10 - 6/29

Stop by the Youth Services desk at the Library and guess how many items are in the jar. The winner will receive a free Lego City Recycling Truck. Limit one guess per day.

Contest #2 | 7/1 - 7/31

Search the Youth Services Department to find all the hidden characters. Complete the challenge and submit an entry for a chance to win a Squishmallow®.

***Thank you to the Friends of the Lake Bluff Public Library for
their generous sponsorship of this year's Summer Reading Club!***

Adult & Teen Reading Log: 6/7 - 8/16

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Club (circle one): **Teen** **Adult**

For each activity, choose one of the following options:

- Read a book (print book, audiobook, eBook, reading to someone else — any reading counts!)
- Attend a Library program
- Support a local business or charity

Once you've completed at least 5 activities, turn in your log at the Circulation Desk (adults) or the Youth Services Desk (teens) to collect your prize.

****Indicate how many raffle tickets to put towards each prize (Max of 25).***

Activities

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

*Adult Raffle Prizes

Brookfield Zoo Membership _____
LF/LB Chamber of Commerce Check _____
Pasquesi's Gift Card _____

*Teen Raffle Prizes

Fujifilm Instax Mini Camera _____
Portable 48 Color Watercolor Paint Set _____

Children's Reading Log: 6/7 - 7/31

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Club (circle one):

Read to Me Independent Reader

Read to Me Ages 0 - 7

250 minutes

For every 10 minutes you read, color in 1 circle.

Independent Reader Ages 7 - 12

500 minutes

For every 20 minutes you read, color in 1 circle.

Everyone

When you color in at least 1 circle, check in at the Youth Services desk to receive a daily prize. You may check in once per day.



Planning for the Future of Lake Bluff Public Library

Letter from the Director

One of the primary responsibilities of Lake Bluff Library's elected Board of Trustees is to ensure the sustainability of the Library, so the organization has a place in the future of Lake Bluff. To that end, earlier this year, the Board and I met for our first professional retreat together to discuss the Library's current financial standing.

During this retreat, the Board and I learned about funding opportunities that are available for public libraries. We also discussed short and long-term goals to help address significant financial and facility-related needs of our Library. For example, neighboring public libraries who do not have capital reserve funds, such as Deerfield, Lake Forest, and North Chicago, carry fund balances of as much as 140% or higher of their annual expenditures. With a fiscal year-end fund balance of just 41% of expenditures, our Library's fund balance falls to as little as 25% at its low point, which is similar to Highwood Public Library. The Board also discussed facility needs and how they relate to its financial standing. I encourage community members to watch the recording of the February 2024 Library Board Meeting, in particular, which features a presentation of two critical building reports: Building Systems and Site Report and the Library Accessibility Report.

As a result of the retreat, the Library Board identified several next steps:

- Develop a Master Plan inclusive of building, facility, and technology needs
- Create a three-tiered financial projection analysis that encompasses capital and operational costs
- Develop a community engagement plan to expand understanding of the state of the Library with the Lake Bluff community

To keep this work moving forward, at the March 2024 Board Meeting, the Library Board unanimously approved a proposal from Engberg Anderson Architects to develop a Strategic Facility Master Plan. The scope of work includes assessment of the physical character of the Library's building and grounds, as well as engagement with residents to ensure these spaces address the current and future needs of the Lake Bluff Library community. The goal is for the Board and the community to develop an in-depth understanding of how well the Library meets the current needs of patrons and plan for the future. This process also aims to quantify short-term and long-term financial costs of addressing building code violations, asbestos abatement, and replacement of critical building systems.

Lake Bluff Library exists because of the support of the Lake Bluff community. The Board and I are committed to being transparent and inclusive, involving stakeholders throughout the process, and representing the community's priorities. We hope that library users and non-users alike will collaborate with us in this planning. On Page 5 of this newsletter, learn how you can participate and share your feedback. The Library Board and I look forward to your engagement in this process and thank you for your help ensuring the future of Lake Bluff Public Library is bright!

Renee Grassi, Library Director



Planning for the Future of Lake Bluff Public Library

Community Open House Events

Tuesday, 6/11 | 10am - 12pm

Tuesday, 6/11 | 5 - 7 pm

Saturday, 6/15 | 10:30am - 12:30pm

All Ages

Stop by the Library to chat with architects, ask questions, and share preferences about the future of the Library. Drop-in, no advanced registration required.

Focus Group Events

Tuesday, 6/18 at 10:30am **R**

Tuesday, 6/18 at 4pm **R**

Saturday, 6/22 at 10:30am **R**

Adults and Teens Ages 13+

Participate in a facilitated conversation with library leadership and architects about the needs of the Library. Receive a building-wide tour and provide feedback that will be incorporated into the Library's Strategic Facility Plan.

Online Survey

Starting 6/1 - 6/30 | All Ages

Help the Library plan for the future. Complete our online survey and share your ideas. All survey participants will be entered into a raffle for a Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce gift card. Visit the Library website to access the survey.

Sponsored in part by the Reaching Across Illinois Libraries System (RAILS) My Library Is Grant.



Thank you, Lake Bluff Garden Club!



The Lake Bluff Garden Club helps keep the Library beautiful all year long. From flower design, to potting and weeding, local Garden Club members volunteer many hours each season to help make the outside of the Library bloom. Thank you for your hard work and dedication, Lake Bluff Garden Club. The Library appreciates you! Founded

in 1917, the Lake Bluff Garden Club has been a vital part of Lake Bluff for over 100 years. Learn more at **GardenClubLakeBluff**.



NEW! Menstrual Products for Patrons

This April, the Library began offering free period products through a partnership with non-profit organization Aunt Flow. All of the building's six bathrooms now feature wall-mounted dispenser units stocked with 100% organic cotton biodegradable tampons and pads. For more information, visit the News Section on the Library website.

Spotlight Resource: Chicago Community Collection

Lake Bluff Public Library provides free access to NewsBank's Chicago Community Collection, a digital platform featuring Chicagoland area newspapers and journals. Use it to read digital versions of local newspapers, such as the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Crain's Chicago Business*, and the *Lake Forester*.

Subscriptions also included:

- *Chicago Parent*
- *Chronicle by College of Lake County*
- *Lake County Journal*
- *Pioneer Press Newspapers*
- *Pritzker Pulse: University of Chicago School of Medicine*

Features included:

- Text Enlargement
- Reading Aloud via ReadSpeaker
- Citation Exporter
- Personal Folders

Ready to get started? Get your Lake Bluff Library card number and visit the Research and Homework Help Page on the Library website.

Explore Our Seed Library

Stop by the Library and check out our collection of seeds available for free. Visit LakeBluffLibrary.org/SeedLibrary to request an order of seeds online. *Sponsored by Davey Tree Experts.*

Pride Pins Drop-In Craft**6/3 – 6/14 | All Ages**

Decorate your own pin for Pride month! Supplies available on the main floor of the Library.

Summer Reading Club Kick Off**6/7 | 10am – 12pm****All Ages**

Visit the Library on Day One of this year's Summer Reading Club! Stop by the outside tent and sign up for the program. Weather permitting.

Trivia Night**@ Lake Bluff Brewing Company****6/10 at 7pm R**

Register your team of up to 6 people for a night of Trivia at LB Brewing Co. Registration opens at 7pm on the Tuesday before the event.

Afternoon Book Club**6/18, 7/16, 8/20 at 2:30pm**

Join Carol at the Library for an insightful monthly book discussion series:

June – Remarkably Bright*Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt***July – Yellowface by R. F. Kuang****August – The Narrowboat***Summer by Anne Youngson***Tea Cup Candles****6/20 at 7pm R**

Use simple ingredients to create a fun and unique candle. Explore how to safely make your own candles at home, too.

Mammals and More**6/21 at 1pm****All Ages 5+ R**

Learn about some of the most unique creatures from around the world with Flying Fox Conservation. Meet live animals of all types up close and in-person, including a sloth, a porcupine, and a kinkajou. *Sponsored by the Friends of Lake Bluff Public Library.*

Fourth of July Parade**7/4 at 8am****All Ages R**

Show your Library spirit and march with Lake Bluff Library in the Lake Bluff Fourth of July Parade. Email reference@lakeblufflibrary.org to sign up. *Supplies for the Library's Parade entry are funded by the Friends of the Lake Bluff Library.*

There's Always Time for Tea and Scones**7/18 at 7pm R**

Enjoy a tea tasting at the Library. Try Earl Grey and a tisane called Rooibos, as well as yoghurt scones with jam and cream. Learn where and how tea came to America, basic tea etiquette, and the history of Earl Grey and Lady Grey tea.

Puzzle Piece Art**7/24 at 4pm R**

Create upcycled artwork using old puzzle pieces.

The Six Wives of Henry VIII**7/25 at 7pm R**

Meet the six wives of Henry VIII as presented by Martina Mathisen of Edu-tainment Living History in this one-of-a-kind program. Queen, lover, mother, outcast, victim, survivor: discover compelling truths about these remarkable women from an intriguing time in history.

Landscaping with Native Plants**8/15 at 7pm R V**

Discover the benefits of gardening with native plants. Discuss native plant selection, identification, habitat requirements, and maintenance.

Illinois Libraries Present

**The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin**
6/4 at 7pm R V

Join us for a special virtual event with Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. Her research and understanding of animal behavior spearheaded a reform in the quality of life for agricultural animals worldwide.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the

Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

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Join us to make toys and other crafts for the Orphans of the Storm animal shelter. A volunteer from Orphans of the Storm will be present to teach about the shelter's mission and guide the craft.

Volunteer at the Library!

Teens are invited to submit a volunteer application through the Library's website, and Library staff will send a calendar of opportunities. Visit the Teen Page on the website for more information.



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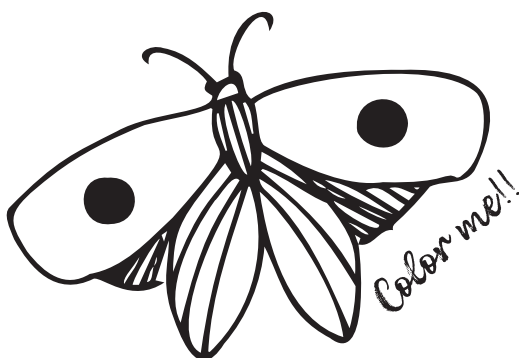


1,000 books before kindergarten

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Ongoing | Ages 0 - 6

Continue reading this summer and track your child's progress in our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. For more information about how to register your child and participate in this free literacy program, visit **LakeBluffLibrary.org/1000Books**.



Grab & Go Crafts Fridays, 6/7 - 8/30 All Ages

Pop into the Library and grab a craft to go! Every week a new craft will be available. While supplies last.

Drop-in Messy Crafts 7/6, 8/3 | 11am - 12pm Ages 2 - 12

Bring your kid in for some messy fun at the library, and we'll handle the clean up! Smaller children will need the help of an adult.

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In honor of Summer Reading Club's first day, come get your face painted!

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Chess Club 6/17, 7/15 at 4pm Ages 6 - 12 **R**

Whether you are new to chess or seeking to hone your techniques, Mark Hamilton will provide chess guidance to help you improve your game.

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Lake Bluff Library at the Farmers' Market 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23 at 9am | All Ages

Join us at the Farmers' Market for some summer fun, whether it's entertainers, storytellers, or a Lake Bluff Storytime Librarian! Weather permitting.

6/14 - Wendy & DB

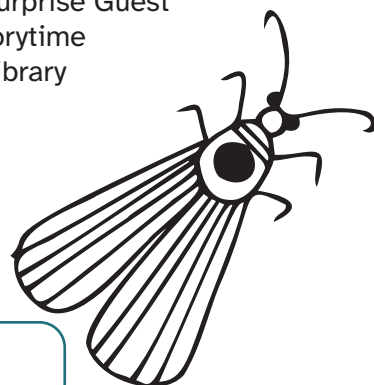
6/28 - Storytime with the Library

7/12 - Jasmin Cardenas:
¡Bailando! Dancing thru Stories

7/26 - Storytime
with the Library

8/9 - A Surprise Guest

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Silly Sidewalk Obstacle Course 7/13 – 7/31

Move your body with this silly sidewalk obstacle course at the Library. Follow the signs on the sidewalk outside the Library building and enter your name for a chance to win a raffle prize.



Family Movie Night at Gorton Community Center: *Kung Fu Panda 4* 8/23 at 7pm | All Ages

The Lake Bluff Library is honored to once again to partner with the Gorton Community Center and the Friends of the Lake Bluff Library to bring you a FREE screening of *Kung Fu Panda 4*. Visit GortonCenter.org/Events to register. PG (1h and 34min)

 SCHOLASTIC

BOOKFLIX®

Spotlight Kids Literacy Resource: BookFlix

Lake Bluff Public Library provides free access to BookFlix, an online collection of digital books for kids Pre-K through Grade 3. BookFlix helps students develop foundational reading skills through making connections and building background knowledge and vocabulary. Enjoy animated stories paired with non-fiction eBooks from Scholastic. Play word matching games and meet authors and illustrators, too!

Literacy and accessibility features include:

- Audio paired with highlighted words and text
- No checkout required – read on demand
- Lexile reading levels
- Three reading speeds

Ready to get started? Get your Lake Bluff Library card number and visit LakeBluffLibrary.org/BookFlix.

R = Registration Required

V = Virtual

All programs are in person at the Library unless otherwise stated.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held in person at the Library in the Spruth Room and streamed live on Zoom.

Tuesday, 6/18 at 7:00pm

Tuesday, 7/16 at 7:00pm

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports capital improvements at the Library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends are a non-profit organization that raises funds to support the Library.

UPCOMING FRIENDS MEETINGS

Saturday, 7/20 at 11:00am

STATEMENT ON PROGRAMMING

All Library programs are free of charge and open to everyone. You do not need a Library card to attend a program. Library programs are presented to offer differing viewpoints, and are not intended as endorsement by the Library of views expressed by, or actions suggested by, individual speakers or groups.

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